A PALATABLE PREPARATION OF SENNA.

Bartholow says that senna would be one of our best cathartics, "if it were not so disagreeable." This disagreeableness is not only removed but pleasantness is put in its place in that preparation of senna known as Syrup of Figs. It forms the active principle of that effective laxative, and, because of the pleasant taste of the combination, it has a large use in all cases where a general laxative is indicated.

The great contrast between the old dosing of castor oil, when there was almost open war declared in the home, and the modern method of preparing drugs to please the palate as well as to accomplish the desired result, is best appreciated by those of us who remember our childhood days, and now have children of our own. These thoughts come to us as we notice with what indifference a child or sensitive patient takes the laxative—Syrup of Figs. But we can assure our readers the results are far from indifferent.

In this connection it is well to observe, for it is a matter of no small importance to the public, that the highest courts in the land have decided the validity of trade-marks, trade-names, or trade-words, for it is the safest protection against the selling of worthless imitations and base frauds. For instance, a company places a most eligible preparation on the market and presents it to the public at a great outlay before the least profit is derived. These unscrupulous imitators place worthless combinations on sale and derive at once their share of the large sales which the energy and capital of the originators ensured. Soon, however, these worthless samples injure the sales, and a preparation which was originally a very desirable combination becomes known as uncertain and disappointing. Now a trade-mark or trade-word is a protection to the public from these evil designers. Take the recent case of the California Fig Syrup

Co. The United States Court of Appeals, which is the court of highest resort in such cases, rendered a decision on the 30th of January last, that this company had acquired a reputation for the excellence of this medicine under the name of "Fig Syrup," or "Syrup of Figs," and *they only* had the right to use this name in connection with a laxative remedy.

MICROSCOPES, OBJECTIVES AND ACCESSORIES.

Queen & Co. of Philadelphia, have just issued a clearance list of a great many valuable microscopes and their various accessories.

We would suggest to any who are interested to immediately send for this list and avail themselves of the advantages offered.